

IFFAMPAC NEWS

International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts



FAMILIES OF THE MISSING
no one disappears alone

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IFFAMPAC IN KOSOVO “ FAMILIES, WE ARE WITH YOU”

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The branch of the International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts (IFFAMPAC) restarted its activity this January in the support of the Family Associations and families with the missing in the Republic of Kosovo. After the War there were around 5000 people missing, out of which around 2000 are still missing. The emotional, social and legal situation of these families is grave. IFFAMPAC recognizes the need to support these families as necessary one.

Through various activities IFFAMPAC supports FAs and the families with the missing. By supporting the ideas that lead to solving the issue of missing person, support for their families in realization of their legal rights, in January, February and March it participated actively in meetings with local and international official representatives which operate in Kosovo, and which are involved in the issue of missing persons.

In order to encourage the families and FAs, IFFAMPAC branch in the Republic of Kosovo together with FAs made and directed requests to the Institutions and associations in charge. In the meetings held in January and February, 2009 with high local and international responsibility we joined the families in their request for the advance of the process of finding the missing. We presented the issues of the families with the missing and what they face in their situation to the European Commissioner for Human Rights in a meeting in Prishtina. He concluded the unresolved issue of the missing is the negligence of the authorities in charge and is a violation of human rights. In February we visited the Jashari Family in Prekaz-Skenderaj, as a family which was most affected in the war. We chose this family to get encouragement and express our gratitude for the support they give to the missing. In order to honor and remember the martyrs we visited the Jashari memorial and two locations in Klina. IFFAMPAC will continue to support the Families and FAs determined in the journey toward the truth.



On February 17, 2009, Kosovo FAs and IFFAMPAC representatives visited Jashari family and memorial complex in Prekaz – Skenderaj.

“Let us transform Sorrow and patience into the creative force”



From the meeting Pristina “Solutions to be Found for Missing” January, 2009 at Government Office with Eulex Officials

FAMILIES HAVE THE RIGHT

To know about the fate of their loved ones, their return from wherever they are, in case of death to the cause of death, confidential identification processes, dignified burial, memorials, compensation and other benefits sanctioned by law.

TO HELP YOU because it is human, moral, legal and necessary. Therefore **THEY** won't be alone, they will be supported by the good-will people, different humanitarian organizations in the journey to achieve these rights.

Your donations of funds or service will help us to act as an advocate and link for family associations, and enable IFFAMPAC to account for the missing and their families. Donations are US tax deductible.

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